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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
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VIA : Deputy Director for National Foreign Assessment
National Intelligence Officer for Warning

FROM : National Intelligence Officer for Africa

SUBJECT : Warning Report: Sub-Saharan Africa

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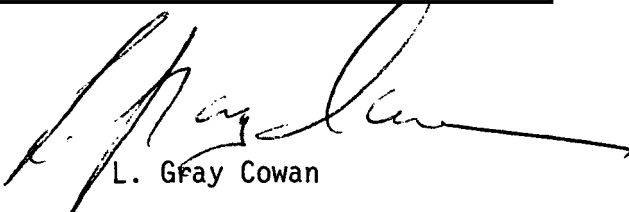
1. Action Requested: None; the attached report is for your information.

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2. Background: Community representatives and specialists met on 19 August 1980 with the NIO/AF as chairman. The attached report has not been coordinated with the other participants, but is being circulated to them. If they feel their views have been misinterpreted, or if they have significant additional concerns, I'll report further to you.

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WARNING REPORT: SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA* No. 22

HORN OF AFRICA

A principal concern during the next few months will be Ethiopian reaction to US-Somalia negotiations--the Ethiopians believe that an agreement has already been reached. While no reaction except increased propaganda has been observed so far, we expect that the agreement may result in intensified Ethiopian support to the Somali Salvation Front. Over time (probably beyond the three-month scope of this report), Ethiopia may become less reluctant to grant the Soviets increased access to air and naval facilities. The Soviets could argue that the threat posed by the US presence in Somalia would be minimized by an augmented Soviet presence in Ethiopia.

We expect the next few weeks will see long-awaited major Ethiopian military operations against the Tigrean and Eritrean insurgents--in this order--with more Soviet advisory and command and control participation than has previously been the case.

ZIMBABWE

Mugabe appears to have weathered very well the arrest of Tekere and General Walls' public comments from South Africa, and we give him good marks on keeping to a moderate course and managing newly independent Zimbabwe. His visit to UN Headquarters and Washington are viewed as a testimony to the solidity of his position at home. Mugabe is still faced with the problems of force integration and local elections which will take place during late September and October and could mean disturbances at the local level in a number of areas.

LIBERIA

We continue to sound a warning regarding the internal stability of Liberia over the next three months. The financial crisis remains critical and, even if bridging loans are secured, the financial future looks very bleak. Sgt. Doe's proposed visit to Ethiopia on September 10 will warrant watching for its' consequences.

*This memorandum is one of a series produced monthly by NIO/AF. Its purpose is to review possible developments in the short-term future that would be damaging to US interests. Obviously many of these developments will not occur in the time frame or in the manner suggested, or will not occur at all.

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UGANDA

Some analysts felt that the elections in Uganda may not take place at all and that Obote may simply assume power without the formality of popular choice. Other analysts felt that elections might probably take place but that they would not result in a popular government that would be able to govern. In consequence, continued internal chaos could be expected for the near term.

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